

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q76525

Shingo YAMAUCHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/662,948

Group Art Unit: 3751

Confirmation No.: 1500

Examiner: Timothy Lewis MAUST

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING BATCH PROCESS OF PREPARING  
SOLUTION

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

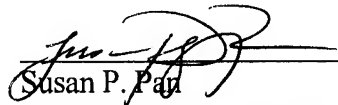
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of December 27, 2006 to April 27, 2007.

The statutory fee of \$120.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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